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MONDAY EVENING, DEC. 22, 1879.

GEN. GRANT was given a reception by the school children of Philadelphia on Saturday.

The strike at the Chicago packing houses still continues, but gives signs of weakening.

The failure of Thomas Neill, the Peoria stock dealer, is the absorbing topic of conversation in the south west metropolis. His liabilities foot up \$400,000.

WILLIAM MCKEE, the chief owner of the St. Louis Globe Democrat, died suddenly on Saturday morning, in the 65th year of his age. A brief sketch of the life of Mr. McKee will be found in our telegraphic column.

TILDEN says it is all a farce—the story of his offer of \$30,000 for the electoral vote of South Carolina in 1876. Mr. Tilden is just now posing as "the much abused man"—a role in which he has few equals and no superiors.

#### TWAS TOO MUCH.

We have always wondered how John Oberly could be a Democrat, and have heretofore spoken of the impossibility of such a man having any standing or influence in that organization. It is only a few days since we welcomed John back to the journalistic guild, and prophesied for him a career of usefulness as editor of the Springfield Register. About the first thing he did was to shoot off his mouth in opposition to the Maine larceny, and he spoke just like a Republican might have done. He stigmatized it as a villainous theft, and denounced it by tongue and pen in his own vigorous style. But it was too much for the party to stand, and Mr. Oberly has retired from the editorial chair in which he had scarcely become warm. His successor will be somebody more nearly in accord with the average Democratic sentiment—somebody who can wink at the stealing of a state, when the "party" is to be benefited.

Itanopol, Champaign county, Ill., and that vicinity, is a great sufferer from the ravages of diphtheria, which has been widely and fatally prevalent.

EX GOV. MCARTHUR, of Ohio, died fifty years ago, leaving some millions of dollars to be divided equally among his family when his youngest grandchild should be 21 years of age. He forgot to say living grandchild, and the United States Circuit Court at Washington is endeavoring to decide whether the estate can be divided until the tribe ceases to multiply and replenish the earth.

#### Western Real Estate.

A fact in connection with real estate in Missouri has been handed us with interest. The largest life-insurance company of New England during the depression of the last few years became the owner, under foreclosure, of property in Kansas City costing it over \$90,000. It has sold and completed negotiations for the sale of all but one of these parcels at a profit of over \$25,000, and has offered for sale the remaining parcel. We cut the above from the Boston Daily Advertiser. Of course, the company alluded to is the Connecticut Mutual. This is probably a sample of the foreclosed real estate of which this company owns so much, about which so much noise has been made by ignorant journalists, and that to-day is valuable far beyond its price or its cost.

The New York Sun thinks that the next President, whoever he is, will probably have the appointment of five Judges of the United States Supreme Court. The present Court is composed of Waite, Swayne, Miller, Strong, Bradley, Hunt, and Harlan, Republicans, and Field and Clifford, Democrats. The Sun says that "Clifford is 76 years old, and is fast declining. Swayne is 75, and though hale for that time of life, cannot expect in the nature of things to hold out much longer. Strong has turned 70, and is daily growing feeble. Bradley is 68, and is ready to retire voluntarily when he may get the pension. Hunt is hopelessly broken in health by paralysis."

The credit of Philadelphia is so good that her officials have just succeeded in placing a 4 per cent. loan on the market to the amount of \$10,000,000. The transaction was all the more favorable to the city for the reason that the payment of \$400,000 is proposed annually, so that the feature of long time, which is generally the consideration in low rate investments, did not have much weight in this investment.

"What is an average?" asked a teacher of a pupil. "An average is what a hen lays on," answered the scholar. "None," said the teacher, "who told you that?" "Well, pa said that our old hen lays on an average of four eggs a day."

York State Buckwheat Flour and Maple Sugar, at E. B. Pratt's, 37 North Church street. (Dec 10-22)

#### THE COLOSSAL WHEAT FARMS OF THE NORTHWEST.

From New York Sun.

We find in the Atlantic Monthly a striking paper, by a writer who has recently visited some of the giant wheat farms of Southwestern Minnesota. The account which he gives of the development in the Northwest of a system of agriculture, until late years almost unknown to America, is startling when considered in reference to the possibilities of the future. The rapid increase in number of these mammoth plantations, 10, 20, 40 and 50 thousand acres, operated by capitalists in New York, Boston, Philadelphia, and in Europe, is a very significant fact, and a fact which cannot be viewed without serious alarm.

It is not unlikely that the yield and profits of the Northwestern wheat fields are somewhat exaggerated by those interested in the sale of land and the settlement of the country. Figures furnished by the agents and commissioners of railroad companies having lands to dispose of do not pass without question. The estimates here, for instance, are based here on an average yield of twenty or twenty-two bushels to the acre; and the cost of production is put at \$3.89 per acre. The latter figure coincides very nearly with the estimates made a few weeks ago by an intelligent correspondent of the New York Sun in Kansas. His object was to point out his vast overproduction of wheat that would result if the present mania for planting that cereal to the exclusion of all others were not checked. According to his testimony, twenty or twenty-two bushels to the acre would seem to be a very liberal estimate for an average crop.

It is not, however, in the direction of overproduction that the real danger lies. That is a matter that will regulate itself, as surely as the laws of demand and supply operate. But this new system of agriculture on a large scale, this combination of unlimited capital, labor-saving machinery, and cheap labor, means starvation to the small farmer and destruction to the farming interest as at present constituted. The observations of the writer in the Atlantic show that while the great farms of the capitalist are earning from twenty to twenty-five per cent. a year on the investment, the small farmers who are brought into competition with them are, in most cases, hopelessly in debt, and falling further behindhand with the harvesting of every crop.

That is the natural and inevitable result of the extension of the new system. The small farm will be swallowed up by mortgages; the small farmer will be crushed out. He has a family to support, children to rear and educate, his share of the burdens of the community to bear. The great farms are mere money-making machines. The capitalists who control them have no stake in the soil save its annual yield of grain. Their enterprises support no community, no churches, no schools, no families. From the statement made by the Atlantic writer as to the wages of the hands employed on these colossal plantations, some of them, twice the size of Manhattan Island. We compute that the average daily receipt of the employer who is so fortunate as to obtain work the year round is only between sixty and seventy cents, while only five or ten out of every two hundred and fifty have work the year round. There is no basis here for the development of the community.

If the well-being of this country largely rests upon the prosperity of the independent agriculturist, to what end will this new order of things lead? Up to the present time the farming interest has been less effected, directly, than any other by the evils that accompany the consolidation of wealth. The farmer may have been oppressed, but his field has not been invaded.

This is a new and important feature of a problem that may have a large place in politics during the next few years.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The demonstrations in Maine, unless leading Republicans are misinformed, are not intended to end with idle noise. Before Senator Hamlin left for Maine it is reported that a consultation was held here of the persons most influential in Republican councils, at which it was suggested that the proper course for the Republicans in Maine to pursue would be something like this: To exhaust every possible legal means by appeals to the Court for injunction or other writs to prevent the Fusion members of the Legislature who have been counted in from taking their seats; failing in this, the Republican members who were actually elected, a majority of both Houses, should bivouac at the Capitol with sufficient force to enter the two chambers, take their seats and keep them, and organize the Legislature which the people elected. Then if the Fusionists choose to meet elsewhere and organize, the claims of the two Governments could be sent to Washington and the Administration could decide between them, as it hitherto has done in similar cases in the Southern States. The arguments of those Republicans who have advised this course is that the law, and equity, and morality of the situation is entirely with the Republicans; that the Democracy and Fusionists are divided; that the moral sense of the state and of the Nation is against them, and that the Democratic conspirators in the face of a resolute demonstration on the part of the yeomanry of Maine to drive the revolutionists with pitchforks into the river, as the venerable Senator Hamlin is reported to have suggested as the proper course, would not be able to maintain themselves for a single week.

Attend the show to-night.

#### TELEGRAPHIC

##### THE MAINE STEAL.

##### THE INDIGNATION OF THE PEOPLE

##### Death of William McKee, of the Globe-Democrat.

Boston, Dec. 21.—Dispatches from Maine report indignation meetings held in various places last night to protest against the recent action of the governor and council. There were large and enthusiastic displays at Skowhegan and Hallowell. At the latter place resolutions were adopted to call upon the parties who were rejected at the polls but counted in by the governor, to refuse to occupy seats in the legislature, and conclude: "There must be no submission for one hour or one instant to the infamous count of the governor and council."

St. Louis, Dec. 20.—The death of William McKee, chief owner of the Globe-Democrat, though quite sudden, was not unexpected to those who have been familiar with his physical condition the past few years. He experienced a slight paralytic stroke in the summer of 1877, since which time he has not regained his health, although using all efforts to care for himself. He left the city early last summer, and remained at the seashore and New York until October and then returned. He seemed to have improved, but it soon became evident that his improvement was only temporary. He visited the office of the Globe-Democrat every day, generally remaining from 9 till 1 o'clock. On Friday he came as usual, and talked pleasantly with callers, being apparently as well as he had been for some time past. At 1 o'clock he left the office for his residence in his family carriage. The last man to speak to him at the office was Mr. McCall, editor of that paper, who conversed with him briefly as he entered the carriage. Mr. McKee was driven to his residence, accompanied by his wife and daughter. He spent the afternoon and evening at home, and frequently referred to his physical health. It was better than for some time past. At night he became interested in a volume of Washington Irving's works, and read it beyond his usual time for retiring. Soon after 11 he retired, but soon arose again, saying he felt restless and could not sleep. He went from his bedroom to an adjoining sitting room, and seated himself in a chair. Here he began to feel what he called an oppression of the chest, which proved to be the fatal attack. A physician was summoned, and remedies applied, but he sank rapidly, and showed no signs of rallying. At 12:45 he passed as if into a sleep, and to the surprise of those attending him, it was the sleep of death. Mr. McKee was in the 65th year of his age. He was a native of New York, of Irish parentage. He learned the printing business on Major Noah's Weekly Messenger, in New York City, and was subsequently on the Courier and Enquirer, under J. Watson Webb. He came to St. Louis in 1841, and soon afterwards obtained an interest in the Evening Gazette, remaining on it two years. Subsequently, and when the political factions of New York had spread to the West, he started a campaign sheet, called the Barn-Burner, the first Free-Soil newspaper published in the state of Missouri, and perhaps in any slave holding state. He was also engaged in several other newspaper enterprises until 1852, when he became one of the proprietors of the Missouri Democrat, then under the control of Thomas H. Benton and Frank P. Blair. He remained in the Democrat until 1872, when he sold that paper to George W. Fishback, and, in connection with D. M. Houser, one of his former partners, started the Globe. In 1875 the proprietors of the Globe purchased the Democrat, and the two papers were consolidated. Mr. McKee owned a controlling interest in the Globe-Democrat, and had large real-estate and other investments. His death will not cause any change in the policy of the paper, as his interests will pass to his relatives in the establishment. Mr. D. M. Houser, for many years business manager of the paper, will assume Mr. McKee's place at the head of the company publishing the Globe-Democrat.

##### FAIR AND FESTIVAL.

##### CHRISTMAS TREES.

To the Temperance People of Marion County: The temperance people of the county propose to have a Fair and Festival at the tabernacle, commencing on the 24th of December, and to continue several days; the proceeds to be used in paying the debt on the tabernacle. The object is a good one, and it is hoped that all people interested in the advancement of so noble a cause as temperance, in the lifting up of the fallen and pointing out a better life and a more noble manhood, in removing from our midst the dens of infamy and vice which have grown and fattened on the hard earnings of the unfortunate, and filled our prisons, workhouses and paupers' homes; in helping to bring about that better day when drunkenness, crime and all attendant evils following the indiscriminate sale of intoxicating liquors, will respond to this call to the extent of their ability. The farmers of Marion county are requested to assist in the way of provisions. Roasted pigs, turkeys and chickens, fresh eggs, butter and milk, cabbage, and in fact anything good to eat, will be thankfully received. Those wishing to donate articles will please bring their contributions to the tabernacle on the 24th, 25th or 26th. Committees have been appointed to canvass the city for articles of food, fancy work, etc., and it is hoped that all our good people will consider it a duty to assist in this cause as much as possible. All who can do so will please bring their contributions to the tabernacle. There will be two large Christmas trees at the tabernacle on Christmas eve—one for the Cold Water Army, and the other for the general public. All who wish to make Christmas presents to their relatives or friends are requested to bring them in time to have them placed on the trees before the night of the 24th. The following named gentlemen are requested to solicit donations in their respective neighborhoods, and to do what they can to make this fair and festival a success. Mt. Zion—S. Mahannah, Jas. Parsons, Wheatland—Wm. DeJong, Jos. Dawson. Macon—Rev. J. W. Cecil, Benj. Hight, Long Creek—Milton Clark, James P. Nichols. Oakley—Thos. W. Berry, Jas. Jackson, Whitmore—Richard Kirby, Paul Noble, Hickory—Sol. Williamson, Wm. Holman. Maroa—John H. Crocker, Warrensburg—Z. Bingham, Geo. C. Baker. Hartstown—Bro. M. G. Wilson, Friends Creek—D. K. White, Niantic—Thos. A. Pritchett, Blue Mound—L. V. Fayon, P. L. Brown. Pleasant View—George Demery. By order of Board of Trustees.

PEORIA, Dec. 20.—Thomas Neill, the cattle dealer, is still missing, and it is now conceded that he has absconded. A Chicago gentleman met him Wednesday going east on the Canada Southern, and this is the last that has been heard of him. The firm and personal liabilities amount to about \$250,000; but owing to the refusal of creditors who are secured to tell the amount of their claims, it is impossible to give a list. One paper here has attempted to do so, but it is pronounced incorrect by several of the parties who are there listed. It transpired to-day that Neill gave two parties bills of sale and warehouse receipts on cattle fattening at distilleries which are claimed by other parties, who say that Neill never had any title in them to convey. Among the creditors are a number of farmers in this and surrounding counties and shippers in Iowa whose claims range from \$200 to \$3,000. Neill's partners have conveyed to creditors, by trust deeds, mortgage and quitclaim deeds, all the property they have, and by agreement the business of the stock yards and distillery, in which they were interested, is being conducted by Jas. W. Johnson, Neill's son-in-law.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 20.—A small number of aristocratic negroes of this district have adopted a resolution appointing a committee of five to make an investigation as to the origin of the exodus movement, and to publish the result. At this meeting, which was so disorderly that Senator Bruce, the colored Mississippi senator, left it, expressing his surprise that intelligent persons could so conduct themselves, it was charged that some of the negroes were endeavoring to make money out of the necessities of the immigrants who arrived here. One of the North Carolina immigrants was present at the meeting, and being called upon to give his testimony, startled the opponents of the exodus movement by saying that he had not been misled by anybody, but that he had left North Carolina because after working for the "ole man" for eight years he had only \$18 in money, and because he had no advantages there. This immigrant said that it was practically impossible for any colored man there to obtain any money, as the employers insist upon paying the laborers in store goods, all of which were payable at a time in which the employer himself might have an interest, and that the prices charged for the goods were so great as to consume all the wages. It is said that Governor Hendricks is behind Voorhees' resolution for an investigation of the exodus, and that he hopes to derive political advantage from the inquiry.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—The Herald devotes a page to Edison's triumph in electric illumination, giving a full and accurate account of his work from its inception to its completion, with illustrative diagrams. The Herald says the first public exhibition of Edison's long-looked-for electric light takes place New Year's evening at Menlo Park, on which occasion that place will be illuminated with the new light. The new light, incredible as it may appear, is produced from a little piece of paper which Edison makes more infusible than platinum, more durable than granite, and this involves no complicated process. The paper is merely baked in an oven until its elements have passed away, except its carbon framework. The latter is placed in a glass globe connected with wires leading to the electricity producing machine and the air exhausted from the globe, then the apparatus is ready to give out a light that produces no deleterious gases, no smoke, no offensive odors, a light without flame, without danger requiring no matches to ignite, giving out but little heat, vibrating no air, and free from all flickering; a light that is a little globe of sunshine. And this light, the inventor claims, can be produced cheaper than that from the cheapest oil. The inventor finds that the electricity can be regulated with entire reliability at the central station, just as the pressure of gas is now regulated. The entire cost of constructing the lamp is not more than 25 cents.

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PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 21.—This morning Gen. Grant, unaccompanied by any member of his family, attended service at the Arch Street Methodist Episcopal Church. It was generally known he would be there, and the result was a very large congregation.

Buffalo Robber. We have just received a nice lot of robes, at the following prices, \$5.50, \$11.50, \$12.50. Call and make your selections soon, as we shall not have any more until after the holidays.

Decatur, Ill., J. G. Stuart & Son. Stephen at J. T. Hand & Co's store, in post office block, and order deal through the telephone to McCallan's coal yard. Nov 21-22

Authors. Will find nice good suits for their boys, cheap at Cheap Charles's. 12-dwif

Homeopathic Remedies. And McCormack Bros., Family Grocer, Chemist, for sale at Dr. A. J. Stoner's drug store, Decatur, Ill. 11 Nov 7-dwif

Box Papers, calling cards, &c., &c., at J. T. Hand & Co's store. 8-dwif

WANTED—At 37 North Church street, 500 cords of good wood, in exchange for goods. Also, grain and produce of all kinds taken. 10-dwif

#### Holiday Notice.

We would like to call the attention of our patrons, and the public in general, to our UNUSUAL HOLIDAY STOCK of Gold and Silver WATCHES and CHAINS, Solid and Plated SILVERWARE, CANES, Bronze French and American CLOCKS, and everything in our line of merchandise.

Our line of Novelties and Choice Articles suitable for Holiday Presents, is far superior to this year to any in Illinois, and embraces many articles only found in the larger cities. We feel sure we can suit everyone this year, and will take pleasure in showing everyone GOODS and PRICES.

Very Respectfully,  
CURTIS & EWING,  
JEWELERS,  
17 East Main St., Decatur, Ills.  
Dec. 11, 1879—d-wif

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HAPPIEST AND MOST CHEERFUL PLACE ON EARTH.

LITTLE'S Mammoth Stores can supply you with

Thousands of Presents

For the loved and loving ones, at REASONABLE PRICES.

An Immense Assortment of New and Attractive TOYS and NOVELTIES

HOLIDAY GOODS to suit every person, Old or Young.

Boys' Sleds, Wagons, Doll Carriages, Children's Sings, TO USE IN DOORS.

Children's Knives and Forks, Elegant Bronze Lamps, Gold Band China Tea Sets.

Silver Casters, Pickle Stands, Card Receivers, Knives and Forks, Tea and Table Spoons.

Work Stands, Flower Baskets, Work Baskets, Bird Cages, Fine Pocket Knives, And THOUSANDS of Useful and Ornamental Articles.

Call in and spend an hour, and be convinced that it is to your interest to buy at

LITTLE'S

MAMMOTH STORES, COURT HOUSE BLOCK.

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30 NEW CLOAKS TO-DAY,	\$5 00
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WE HAVE EVER SHOWN FOR THE MONEY.

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December 18—d-wif.

#### NOW FOR CHRISTMAS.

—THE—

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We have the greatest variety in our line ever shown in the city, and for the convenience of purchasers we will note a few of the many articles that would make a nice Holiday Present

FAMILY BIBLES, PHOTOGRAPH ALBUMS, LADIES' GENTS' PORTEMONNAIES, FINE ILLUSTRATED BOOKS, CELLULOID SETS, WORK BOXES, INK STANDS AND PAPER WEIGHTS, UNABRIDGED DICTIONARY, ELEGANT BOXES OF STATIONERY, AND HUNDREDS OF OTHER NICE THINGS.

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Dec. 16—d-wif

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The old reliable jeweler of the city, has the Best Selected Stock of Holiday Goods ever shown in Decatur. He has an Elegant Line of

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CHAINS, NECKLACES, LACE PINS, INITIAL SLEEVE BUTTONS, &C.

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Is selected with especial care and will be found very complete.

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Be sure and see his Stock before you buy.

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Amer. Bible Society's BIBLES and TESTAMENTS, suitable for Presents, at lower prices than at the book stores, at the Macon County Bible Society Depository.

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The Best and Lowest Price CHILD'S SWING ever made, "The Peerless," at LITTLE'S.

Wood, delivered in large or small quantities, at Pratt's, 37 N. Church street. 10-dwif

#### ASSIGNEE'S NOTICE.

In the District Court of the United States for the Southern District of Illinois—At Decatur, in the county of Macon, State of Illinois, the 1st day of December, A. D. 1879.

THE undersigned hereby gives notice of his appointment as assignee of Martin L. Ryan, of Macon, in the county of Macon, State of Illinois, within said district, who has been adjudged a bankrupt upon his own petition by the district court of said district.

HARRY H. CREE, Assignee. Dec. 11—d-wif

#### NOTICE.

My wife, Mary E. Bradley, having left me and board without just cause or provocation, I hereby warn all persons not to protect or harbor her on my account, as I shall pay no bills of her contracting after this date. Dec. 22—d-wif ANDERSON BRADLEY.

#### CITY DEPARTMENT

The biggest boom writing in the Santa C. to find it is at E. D. B. in opera house block.

Be sure to read Cur. 10-11 NOTICE.

Local matter on 4th "BANKER'S DAVOY" Try Schroeder's store.

SUNDAY was the sl. year.

Like pencil pusher finds something to bl. Mrs. Dr. CROOK to morning night. D. Boy Christmas hat millinery store.

Texas is splendid enough south of the S. the Illinois Central br. VERNON steaks at 10-11.

Circuit court will a day evening until M. S. 30 a. m.

QUESTIONS in all style Go to Barnes & H. mas candles, sugar to Dec. 18-20.

THE Jacksonville with a new head improvement on the Those dollar a dozen up at Wells gallery n 10-11.

LEAVE orders for B. at Armstrong's drug. We are still reciev. think our assortment open to-day new in ferent lines.

CREW Zig zag tobacco white filler FINE toilet articles Inlaid goods, suitable ents, at W. C. Armstrong.

MAKE selections goods at Abel & Lo. FRANK WHITE, being Saturday on a ch. larceny, and was held of the grand jury, he \$200. He broke in on East Main street.

QUAIL on toast at 10-11.

Nonrest visiting city just received at SAN PIER, heavily down last night in c. saw officer. He did entered a big protest and manacles, swearing against Sheriff Forster in Christendom.

CHRISTMAS carpenter prices at Abel & Lo. ment.

CALL on F. W. L. ground, for all kinds. Call at Pratt's, 37 your Holiday Goods.

SMOKERS sets, large at J. T. Hand & Co. 8-10-20.

SOMETHING new, the line of New Year T. Hand & Co's Box 8-10-20.

A FINE assortment nail brushes, at







# CATARRH

Of Ten Years' Duration. The Discharges Thick, Bloody, and of Foul Odor. Suffered from Taste Wholly Gone. Entirely Cured by

## SANFORD'S RADICAL CURE.

Sanford's Radical Cure for Catarrh of the Bladder is a powerful medicine that cures all cases of Catarrh of the Bladder, whether of long or short standing, and whether the discharges are thick, bloody, or of foul odor. It is a radical cure, and it is the only one that is guaranteed to cure all cases of Catarrh of the Bladder. It is a powerful medicine, and it is the only one that is guaranteed to cure all cases of Catarrh of the Bladder. It is a radical cure, and it is the only one that is guaranteed to cure all cases of Catarrh of the Bladder.

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# Her Ladyship and the Great Philosopher.

By the author of "The Great Philosopher."

Lady Snobington (nee Shodd)—"Ah, how do you do, Herr Schultz? I want you to dine with me Tuesday night." Herr Schultz, the great philosopher (whose acquaintance with her ladyship is of the slightest)—"You are very friendly, madam! But I am sorry to hear that you are not well. I will not dine with you."

Lady Snobington (who thinks great philosophers are all very well, doesn't want to be bothered with their womanhood)—"A—delighted, I'm sure! My dear Schultz, I want this dinner, dear husband of yours to dine with me, and meet the Duchess of Clapham, and the Bishop of Loughborough, and my sister-in-law, Lady Camerone-Moseley, you know—and you—Mme. Schultz."

"Oh, certainly, if he wishes it," will spare him to us for one evening, won't you?" Herr Schultz (in his innocence of the ways of Shodd's and Snobingtons)—"You are very friendly, madam! But these ladies are not respectable, at you have not invited my wife."

## A MATTOON (Ill) correspondent writes

The grave of Thomas Lincoln, father of the martyred President, lies about nine miles southeast of this place, in a country churchyard and is unmarked save by a small heap of bowlders. When Abraham Lincoln was on his way to Washington to take his seat as President, he stopped off at Charleston, paid his father's grave a visit, and, it is said, left \$50 for a headstone, but his instructions were not carried out, and the money went where the woodchuck twined. Some of the old neighbors are discussing the propriety of a monument, but that will be about the extent of their efforts.

## Opinion of Celebrated Dr. Wm. H. Stokes, Physician, Mt. Hope Retreat, Baltimore

"I have great pleasure in adding my testimony to the virtues of Golden's Liebig Liquid Extract of Beef and Tonic. It is the best preparation used for depression, weakness and indigestion, and therefore confidently recommend it to the medical profession."

## Sold by druggists

The latest novelties in the jewelry line suitable for holiday gifts, just received at J. L. Knapp's, all of which will be sold at the lowest prices. To the repairing of watches, clocks and jewelry I give my personal attention, and therefore can guarantee satisfaction to all who may favor me with a call. No. 30 Merchant st. 17-d&w to 25

## Young Gentlemen, call and see the assortment of fine shoes at Barber & Baker's before you buy

Nov 26-d&w

## Dr. Thomas' Pain-Expeller

WORTH ITS WEIGHT IN GOLD. Pain cannot stay where it is used. It is the cheapest medicine ever made. Five drops cover a surface as large as the hand. One dose cures a headache. One bottle has cured Rheumatism. Fifty cents' worth has cured an Old Standing Cough. It positively cures Catarrh, Arthritis and Gout. Fifty cents' worth has cured Croup in the Back, and the same quantity Lame Back of eight years' standing. It cures Swelled Neck and all other Tumors. Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Contractions of the Muscles, Stiff Joints, Spinal Difficulties, and pain and soreness in any part, no matter where it may be, from what cause it may arise, it always does you good. Twenty-five cents' worth is a full dose. Six or eight applications are warranted to cure any case of Excoriated Nipples or Inflamed Breast. For Bruises, if applied often and bound up with a bandage, it cures the inflammation and it is a positive cure for Chills, Fever, and all other ailments. Price, 25 cents per bottle. Dr. J. C. ROBERTS, MILBURN & CO. Sole Proprietors, New York.

## For Sale at Wholesale and Retail by

DR. A. J. STONER, DECATUR, ILLINOIS.

## County Physician and Steward Wanted.

THE undersigned is desirous of securing the services of a physician and a steward for the County of DeKalb, and the County of Madison, for the term of four years, commencing on January 1st, 1879, and ending on December 31st, 1882. The salary for the physician will be \$1,000 per annum, and for the steward \$500 per annum. The successful candidate will be required to reside in the County of DeKalb, and to be a native-born American citizen. Applications should be made to the undersigned on or before the 1st day of December, 1878. The successful candidate will be appointed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of DeKalb.

## THE COMFORT PATENT CORSET—Bones Adjustable, Foy's Supporter, Moody's Abdominal, Glove Fitting, Hundred Bones, together with the best and cheap French Corsets in the city, at

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MONEY TO LOAN

IN VARIOUS SUMS ON THE

Most Favorable Terms,

Secured by Mortgage on Real Estate.

We keep a supply of

GOVERNMENT BONDS!

On hand at all times, which we will sell at the

LOWEST MARKET RATES.

A general Banking Business transacted, but no interest paid on deposits.

Dec 18-d&w

A very rich old man had married a young wife, and died suddenly, on which the widow raved like a maniac, and exclaimed to the doctor who stood by the bedside of the deceased, "Oh, I'll not believe that my dear partner is dead; he could not die, and leave me! No, no! he's alive—I'm sure he's alive! Tell me, doctor, don't you think so?" "Madam," replied the medical man, with much gravity, "I confess that it is possible that he may be revived. I will apply the galvanic battery." "Oh, no, no!" cried the grief-stricken widow. "Hurd as it is to bear my fate, I will have no experiment against the law of Nature; let him rest in peace."

ENGLISH steel-makers, says the London *Times* "will find food for reflection in recent statistics issued by the American Iron and Steel Association. In the report which accompanies the statistics it is stated that English steel rails have worn better than those of American manufacture, but then these have not been the best English nor the best American. The finest steel turned out from American furnaces is better than the best imported from England, and the steel rails on the great route between the North and Washington, of American manufacture, wear fully as well as the foreign rails laid down during the same time.

Overstocked. As we are in cloaks and circulars we have placed them on sale at about cost and carriage. Among others we have about two dozens in all wool heavy beaver handsomely trimmed and faultless in style and fit—perfectly beautiful in appearance—to which we beg to call the special attention of ladies interested. We mean exactly what we say, and no humbug. Call in and see them.

19-d&w

## CHEAP STORE

This is precisely your last chance to buy prints, skirts, gingham, and all domestic goods at last year's prices. Call at once to get the great advantage of this offer at the Popular New York Store.

11-d&w

There is nothing that will make a finer present for Christmas than a fine Bible and J. T. Hand & Co. have the best assortment ever offered in Decatur.

8-d&w

LADIES wishing to have any crocheting done to order will please call on Goldberg on West Wood street where they can also have any and all the latest styles of hoop skirts made to order.

Aug 26-d&w

\$34 worth buy a D. B. breed leading dog, LeFaucaux action, the strongest action made, warranted for one year at

aug 27-d&w

## Made to Order.

The celebrated Wilson Bros. Shirts made to order and in stock, at

dtf B. Strive's, the Boss Cloaker.

Query:—Why will you smoke a poor 5 cent cigar when you can get "Kepler's Queen," warranted 18 cents for the same money?

[April 11 dtf]

Just Received a large and elegant assortment of Clocks and Dolls at lower prices than we ever sold, at

Nov 15-d&w

## SHREVEBARGER'S PATENT PROCESS FLOUR

saves one half the labor in baking, and will make more bread to the pound than any other flour ever sold here.

Dec 18-d&w

## A nice fitting shoe is what every lady wants and should have

You can get them at

BARBER & BAKER'S

Nov 26-d&w

1,200 yards of dress goods in remnants, various lengths and all qualities, this season's goods—selling out at real bargains, at the Popular New York Store.

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## No Insurance

Price, color and quality of all the goods we sell, but from this date will take no goods back because the purchaser makes a mistake as goods are always more or less damaged, and remnants always contain losses that cannot be borne on account of the very small profits.

July 19-d&w

LEX & SCROGES

(Call call! call!)

Anthracite and Bituminous. Sole agent for the sale of Delaware and Hudson Canal Co.'s Lackawanna Coal also agent for sale of Cumberland Blasting Coal. Orders sent with Ashby & Andrews, 11 Park, Clay Dempsey's cigar store, or by mail promptly attended to. Yard and office adjoining Decatur Lumber Factory.

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J. L. SMITH

ZANESVILLE, Nov. 7, 1878.

Messrs. MORGAN & ALLEN, 59 St. John st., New York City.—Dear Sirs, I have been some time since I wrote you in regard to how father was getting along. So I thought I would write you today. I am happy to say that he is entirely well. He has been cured with less than three bottles of Constitution Water. Since he has been taking the Constitution Water, we have heard of a good many cases of diabetes in this city. One lady especially has it very bad. When we first heard of her case, we were in doubt as to whether or not she was in bed with it. She bought one bottle of Constitution Water, and after taking a few doses, was able to get up. She now is very well, and you can see for the enclosed stamps. There are a great many persons that want them. Yours very truly,

J. L. SMITH

Ask your druggist for it.

## new styles

We have just received a large lot of plain and fancy visiting cards, including a number of the popular Japanese styles, and others, which have never before been brought to this market. These include plain and beveled edges, and are of all sizes. A portion of our New York cards have also arrived, and persons can now make their selections before the shipment has been packed over.

Books for the Children

Books for the Girls

Books for the Boys

Books for the Ladies

Books for the Gentlemen

Books for the Million

Books, books, books in endless variety. J. T. Hand & Co. Book Store. (11th and Poplar) Books, new and cheap.

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For plumbing, sanitary principles, sewerage drainage and ventilation call at

H. MUELLER & CO.

Aug 27-d&w

Physician and photographer albums, in endless variety at J. T. Hand & Co. Book and Music Store.

8-d&w

## BUCKLE SPARKS SALVE

The best salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all kinds of skin eruptions. This Salve is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction in every case, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box.

JOHN BURNING. If you can't get fine shoes and a good clean shirt at the show at the popular show store of L. L. Phillips.

22-d&w

A complete line of the latest styles in jewelry, watches, clocks, etc., at W. W. Saunders' corner of 1st and 2nd streets.

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MERINO underwear, and "bikes" and nappies—cashmere wool hose—greatly reduced to close out at the

11-d&w

PHILIPPS STORE

For good but cheap fine groceries call at the place

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## MARKET REPORT.

DECATUR, Ill., Dec. 22, 1878.

WHEAT—White—per bushel selling per hundred lbs.

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